

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **January 15, 2023** Family Theme | **Alive in Christ**
Study Text | **Colossians 2:6-23**

Objective: Family members walk closely with Christ by faith, not depending on legalistic human regulations for right standing with God.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Paul likely wrote his letter to the believers at Colossae around AD 61-62 while under house arrest in Rome. He continued teaching believers to obey all of Christ's teachings.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week with family members. **What is regeneration?** **Answer:** Regeneration is the act of God by which He gives spiritual life to those who repent of sin and believe in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-5; Titus 3:5).

Read the Word: Colossians 2:6-23

Disciple Your Kids

Discuss with your family members how we are to obey the clear “do’s” and “don’ts” of Scripture while avoiding getting caught up in man-made regulations.



Key Truth: Believers Keep Growing in Faith, Trusting in Christ Alone and Rejecting False Teaching (Colossians 2:6-8)

- Believers are to keep trusting and submitting to Christ in order to be established in their faith. Our thinking is not to be caught up in and dominated by the world's philosophies, but rather by Christ and the truth of His Word (verses 6-8).



Key Truth: God Gives Forgiveness and Spiritual Life Through Faith in Christ Alone (Colossians 2:9-15)

- The false teachers combined Christian teaching about Christ with Jewish rituals and rules, as well as pagan, spirit-focused devotion. Paul insisted that believers needed no fuller, more complete experience than the fullness of life that Christ gives. Believers put off the old nature and are raised with Christ to new life (verses 9-12).
- Without Christ, people are spiritually dead in sin. But in union with Christ, God has canceled the record of our sin debt, setting it aside, *nailing it to the cross*. God demonstrated His sovereign power over all other powers, human or spiritual, through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (verses 13-15).



Key Truth: Believers Hold Fast to Christ and Reject Man-made Philosophies and Regulations (Colossians 2:16-23)

- Paul told the believers not to be pressured into participating in Jewish rituals or to feel inferior to those insisting on strange spiritual experiences rather than devotion to Christ, the Head of the body (verses 16-19).
- Believers do not need lists of human prohibitions (*Don't handle, don't taste, don't touch!*). Those are worldly principles, not godly ones. As with all human rules, they fall short of spiritual change. We are to obey the clear “do’s” and “don’ts” of Scripture while avoiding man-made regulations (verses 20-23).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with family members this week. Questions in **bold** will be good to use with elementary age children.

- How can we grow more and more established in our faith?
- **What does it mean that those who don't know Christ are dead in sin?**
- **Why does spiritual life come only through faith in Christ and not by doing good works?**
- What are some human philosophies and traditions that some people claim we must hold to in order to be right with God?
- Why do these things fail to make us right with God?
- **What will you do this week to help you keep growing in your faith?**

Everyday Extras

Play dead. Set the stopwatch and see how long each member of the family can keep from moving even one muscle. You could make the challenge harder for older kids by asking them not to breathe or blink! We were all dead — dead in our sins — until Jesus made a way for us to be alive in Him (Colossians 2:13). When you are dead, you cannot enjoy good things or make decisions. You cannot participate with the living. Talk together about the interesting paradox that Jesus died to make a way for us to be truly alive. This is a great opportunity to also discuss the symbolism of baptism with your children.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned Paul and Barnabas shared God's Word in the synagogue, the Jewish place of worship. Many of the people listened to Paul and Barnabas as they shared God's Word and some believed what they heard. Others were not happy with their message and tried to stop them. But Paul and Barnabas continued because they knew **The Bible Is for Everyone.**